

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

CLAIMS 1-21 (CANCELED).

CLAIM 22 (CURRENTLY AMENDED): A tool for an axle bolt comprising:

a tool body;

a plurality of splines evenly circumferentially disposed on and extending radially outwardly from the tool body; and

a tool operating member ~~extending~~ projecting radially outwardly from the tool body, wherein the tool operating member is axially thinner than the tool body.

CLAIM 23 (ORIGINAL): The tool according to claim 22 wherein the tool operating member has a disk shape.

CLAIM 24 (ORIGINAL): The tool according to claim 23 wherein the tool body extends from a side surface of the tool operating member.

CLAIM 25 (CURRENTLY AMENDED): A tool for an axle bolt comprising:

a tool body;

a plurality of splines circumferentially disposed on and extending radially outwardly from the tool body; and

a tool operating member projecting radially outwardly from the tool body;

~~The tool according to claim 24~~ wherein the tool operating member includes a knurled outer peripheral surface.

CLAIM 26 (ORIGINAL): The tool according to claim 24 wherein the tool operating member includes a gripping rim extending from a side surface thereof.

CLAIM 27 (ORIGINAL): The tool according to claim 26 wherein the gripping rim is disposed at a radially outermost portion of the tool operating member.

CLAIM 28 (ORIGINAL): The tool according to claim 27 wherein the tool body extends from a first side surface of the tool operating member, and wherein the gripping rim extends from an opposite second side surface of the tool operating member.

CLAIM 29 (ORIGINAL): The tool according to claim 28 wherein the gripping rim has a knurled outer peripheral surface.

CLAIM 30 (ORIGINAL): The tool according to claim 29 wherein there is exactly eight splines.

CLAIMS 31-34 (CANCELED).

CLAIM 35 (NEW): A tool for an axle bolt comprising:
a tool body;
a plurality of splines circumferentially disposed on and extending radially outwardly from the tool body;
a tool operating member projecting radially outwardly from the tool body; and
a gripping rim extending from a side surface of the tool operating member, wherein the gripping rim forms an axially outermost surface of the entire tool.

CLAIM 36 (NEW): A tool for an axle bolt comprising:
a tool body;
a plurality of splines circumferentially disposed on and extending radially outwardly from the tool body;
a tool operating member projecting radially outwardly from the tool body;
wherein the tool body extends from a first side surface of the tool operating member; and
wherein the gripping rim projects from an opposite second side surface of the tool operating member.

CLAIM 37 (NEW): A tool for a bicycle crank axle bolt that screws to a crank axle that rotates as the bicycle is pedaled so that the crank axle bolt attaches a crank arm to the crank axle, the tool comprising:

a tool body;

a plurality of splines circumferentially disposed on and extending radially outwardly from the tool body and dimensioned so as to fit within the bicycle crank axle bolt; and

a tool operating member extending radially outwardly from the tool body.